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BEFORE USING THE FREEZER

- Your new appliance is a freezer designed exclusively for domestic use.

To get the most out of your freezer, please read the instructions carefully. These contain a description of your appliance as well as useful tips for storing food.

Keep this handbook for future consultation.

1. After unpacking the freezer, make sure that the door shuts properly. Any damage must be reported to your dealer within 24 hours after delivery of the appliance.
2. Wait at least two hours before switching the appliance on in order to ensure the refrigerant circuit is fully efficient.
3. Installation of the appliance and electrical connections must be carried out by a qualified electrician, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and local regulations.

SAFEGUARDING THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Packing

The packaging material is entirely recyclable, and marked with the recycling symbol. Follow local regulations for scrapping.

Keep the packaging materials (plastic bags, polystyrene parts, etc.) out of reach of children, as they are potentially dangerous.

2. Appliance

The freezer is made of recyclable material. Disposal must be carried out in accordance with local environmental regulations for waste disposal.

Make the appliance unusable by cutting off the power cord. The appliance must be delivered to an authorised collection centre for the recovery of refrigerant gas.

Information:

This appliance does not contain CFCs (replaced with R134a) or HFCs (replaced with R600a - Isobutane). For more information, refer to the identification data plate affixed to the appliance.

PRECAUTIONS AND GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Only use the freezer for storing frozen food, freezing fresh food and making ice cubes.
- Do not cover or obstruct the air vents of the appliance.
- Do not store liquids in glass containers in the freezer: risk of bursting.
- Do not eat ice cubes or ice lollies immediately after taking them out of the freezer since they may cause cold burns.
- Do not allow children to play or hide inside the freezer: risk of becoming trapped inside and suffocating.
- Do not swallow the contents (non-toxic) of the ice packs.
- Before servicing or cleaning the appliance, unplug it from the mains or disconnect the electrical power supply.
- The power cable may only be replaced by an authorised person.

Declaration of conformity

- This appliance is intended to come into contact with foodstuffs and conforms to D.L. 108 of 25.01.1992 (European Directive 89/109/EEC).

Information

Appliances with Isobutane (R600a)
Isobutane is a natural gas with low environmental impact. Caution is required, however, since isobutane is flammable. Therefore, it is essential to ensure that refrigerant pipelines are not damaged.

HOW TO USE THE FREEZER

The freezer can be used for storing already frozen food and for freezing fresh food.

The freezer can operate at ambient temperatures between +16° C and +32° C.

Switching on the freezer for the first time

- There is no need to set the freezer temperature on the thermostat because the appliance is already factory set.
- Plug in the appliance.
- The alarm signal activates, indicating that the freezer has not yet reached a sufficiently cold temperature for storage of foodstuffs.
- Only place food in the freezer once the alarm signal has deactivated (for further details, see the enclosed product sheet).

Adjusting the temperature

For temperature adjustment, see the enclosed product sheet.

Note:

Ambient air temperature, the frequency of door opening and the position of the appliance can affect the freezer internal temperature.

These factors must be taken into account when setting the thermostat.

Freezing

The amount of fresh food (in kg) that can be frozen in 24 hours is indicated on the appliance data plate.

For optimum appliance performance, press the fast freeze button (until the yellow led lights up) 24 hours before placing fresh food in the freezer.

After placing fresh food in the freezer, 24 hours on fast freeze function is generally sufficient; After 24 hours, deactivate the fast freeze function.

Important:

In order to save energy, when freezing small amounts of food, the fast freeze function can be deactivated after a few hours.

Tips for freezing and storing fresh food.

- Before freezing, wrap and seal fresh food in: aluminium foil, cling film, air and water-tight plastic bags, polythene containers with lids or freezer containers suitable for freezing fresh food.
- Food must be fresh, mature and of prime quality in order to obtain high quality frozen food.
- Fresh vegetables and fruit should preferably be frozen as soon as they are picked to maintain the full original nutritional value, consistency, colour and flavour.

Some meat, especially game, should be hung before it is frozen.

Note:

- Always leave hot food to cool before placing in the freezer.
- Eat fully or partially defrosted foods immediately. Do not refreeze unless the food is cooked after it has thawed. Once cooked, the thawed food can be refrozen.

Freezing and storing fresh food

- Place foods to be frozen in the baskets.
- Place the ice packs (if supplied) in the space provided (on the last grid) or above the food stored in the top compartment.

Important:

The table alongside shows the recommended maximum storage time for frozen fresh foods.
Declared performance refers to appliance operation without ice packs, with the exception of the rising time.

Classification of frozen foods

Put the frozen products into the freezer and classify them.

The storage date should be indicated on the packs, to allow use within expiry dates.

Advice for storing frozen food

When purchasing frozen food products:

- Ensure that the packaging is not damaged (frozen food in damaged packaging may have deteriorated). If the package is swollen or has damp patches, it may not have been stored under optimal conditions and defrosting may have already begun.
- When shopping, leave frozen food purchases until last and transport the products in a thermally insulated cool bag.
- Once at home, place the frozen foods immediately in the freezer.
- If food has defrosted even partially, do not re-freeze it. Consume within 24 hours.
- Avoid, or reduce temperature variations to the minimum. Respect the best-before date on the package.
- Always observe the storage information on the package.

MONTHS	FOOD
1-3	
4-7	
8-12	

Removing the baskets

- Pull the baskets out fully, then lift them up slightly in order to remove.

Note:

Drawers and runners may be removed in order to obtain increased storage space **(Fig. 1)**.

Ensure that the load does not exceed the limit (if present) indicated on the side walls of the appliance.

Making ice cubes

- Fill the ice cube tray 2/3 full and place it in the special freezer compartment.
- Do not use sharp or pointed instruments to detach the tray if it is stuck to the bottom of the freezer.
- Bend the ice tray slightly to remove the cubes.

Note:

The freezer door will not re-open easily immediately after closing. Wait a few minutes before opening again in order to allow for compensation of the vacuum created.

Fig. 1

HOW TO DEFROST AND CLEAN THE FREEZER

Before any cleaning or maintenance operation, unplug the appliance from the mains or disconnect the electrical power supply.

For electronic models, first press the on/off button and then unplug the appliance.

Defrost the freezer once or twice a year, or when the formation of ice on the refrigeration grilles is excessive.

It is perfectly normal for ice to form on the grilles. The amount of ice which forms and the rate at which it accumulates will depends on room temperature and humidity, and on the frequency with which the door is opened.

If possible, defrost the freezer when it is nearly empty.

- Remove the food from the freezer, wrap in a newspaper and group together in a cool place or in a portable cooler.
- Leave the freezer door open to allow the frost to melt.
- Clean the interior of the freezer with a sponge and warm water and/or neutral detergent. Do not use abrasive substances.
- Rinse the interior and dry thoroughly.
- Put the food back into the freezer.
- Close the freezer door.
- Plug in the appliance once again.
- Switch on the freezer.

Note: for electronic models, first insert the power plug into the mains socket and then press the on/off button to switch on the appliance.

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Periodically clean the condenser at the rear of the appliance with a vacuum cleaner or brush.

Prolonged disuse

- Empty the freezer.
- Disconnect the freezer from the mains power supply.
- Defrost and clean.
- **Leave the door open to prevent formation of unpleasant odours and to eliminate any dampness.**

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

1. **The appliance is not working.**
   - Is there a power failure?
   - Is the main power switch on?
   - Has the fuse blown?
   - Is the thermostat setting correct?
   - Was the appliance switched on correctly?
2. **Excessive frost build-up.**
   - Has the defrost water drain been positioned correctly?
   - Is the door shut properly?
3. **The yellow, red and green leds do not light up. Perform the checks for point 1, and then:**
   - Contact After-sales Service.

Notes:

- **The front edge of the appliance may be hot. This prevents the formation of condensation and is not a defect.**
- **Gurgling and hissing noises due to expansion in the refrigerant circuit are normal.**

AFTER-SALES SERVICE

Before contacting After-Sales Service:

1. See if you can solve the problem yourself (see "Troubleshooting guide").
2. Switch the appliance on again to see if the problem has been solved. If it has not, disconnect the appliance from the power supply and wait for about an hour before switching on again.
3. If the problem persists after this course of action, contact After-sales Service.

Specify:

- the nature of the problem,
- the model,
- the Service number (the number after the word SERVICE on the data plate on the inside of the appliance),
- your full address,
- your telephone number and area code.

Note:

The direction of door opening can be changed. If this operation is performed by After-Sales Service it is not covered by the warranty.

The door cannot be reversed on models with front handle.

INSTALLATION

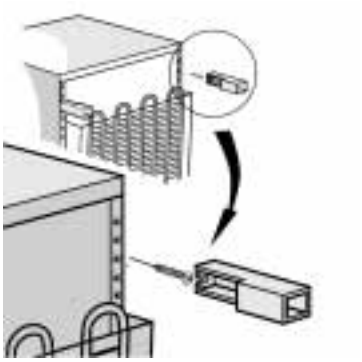
- Install the freezer away from heat sources. Installation in a hot environment, direct exposure to the sun or installation near heat sources (heaters, radiators, cookers) will increase power consumption and should therefore be avoided.
- If this is not possible, the following minimum distances must be respected:
  - 30 cm from coal or paraffin stoves;
  - 3 cm from electric and/or gas stoves.
- Install the appliance in a dry, well-ventilated place.
- Clean the interior (see “How to defrost and clean the freezer”).
- Fit the accessories.

Electrical Connection

- **Electrical connections must be made in accordance with local regulations.**
- Voltage and power consumption are indicated on the rating plate inside the appliance.
- **Regulations require that the appliance is earthed. The manufacturer declines all liability for injury to persons or animals and for damage to property resulting from failure to observe the above procedures and reminders.**
- If the plug and socket are not of the same type, have the socket replaced by a qualified electrician.
- Do not use extension leads or adapters.

Disconnecting the appliance

Electrical disconnection must be possible either by unplugging the appliance or by means of a double-pole switch located upline from the socket.



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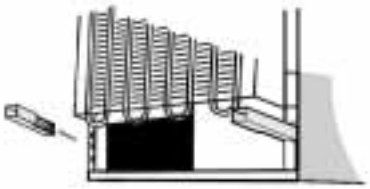


Fig. 2

ELECTRICAL CONNECTION

1) For Great Britain only

Warning - this appliance must be earthed

Fuse replacement

If the mains lead of this appliance is fitted with a BS 1363A 13amp fused plug, to change a fuse in this type of plug use an A.S.T.A. approved fuse to BS 1362 type and proceed as follows:

1. Remove the fuse cover (**A**) and fuse (**B**).

2. Fit replacement 13A fuse into fuse cover.

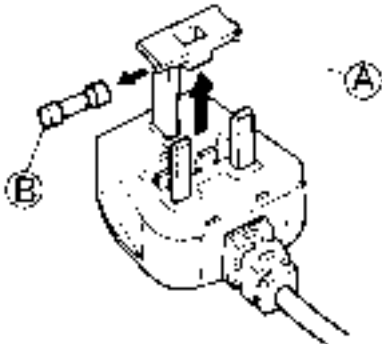
3. Refit both into plug.

Important:

The fuse cover must be refitted when changing a fuse and if the fuse cover is lost the plug must not be used until a correct replacement is fitted.

Correct replacement are identified by the colour insert or the colour embossed in words on the base of the plug.

Replacement fuse covers are available from your local electrical store.



2) For the Republic of Ireland only

The information given in respect of Great Britain will frequently apply, but a third type of plug and socket is also used, the 2-pin, side earth type.

3) Socket outlet / plug (valid for both countries)

If the fitted plug is not suitable for your socket outlet, please contact Whirlpool Service for further instruction. Please do not attempt to change plug yourself. This procedure needs to be carried out by a qualified Whirlpool technician in compliance with the manufactures instructions and current standard safety regulations.